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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION OF SPECIES

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Sir:

Noting the Office Action of February 28, 2007 wherein restriction has been required, Applicant hereby elects Embodiment 3 of Figs. 5-18, upon which claims 1-7 and 20 are readable for prosecution in the above-identified application.

Embodiment 3 was not indicated as a patentably distinct species in the Office Action. However, Applicant elects the embodiment based on the March 19, 2007 telephone interview with Examiner Mackowey. Applicant acknowledges, with appreciation, Examiner Mackowey's courtesy and professionalism in conducting the telephone interview. It is Applicant's understanding that Embodiment 3 can be elected if Applicant provides a reason why claims are readable on Embodiment 3. In the following Remarks, the reason why claims 1-7 and 20 are readable on the embodiment will be explained.